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SUBJECT: FAO AD HOC COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION

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1. SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ROME FAO BRANCH (SID) FAO AND WFP INTERDIVISIONAL WORKING GROUP ON WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT ARE PLANNING TO ORGANIZE A FUNCTION IN HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, MARCH 8, 1978 AT 5:45 AT FAO HEADQUARTERS. THIS WOULD REPLACE WOMEN'S GROUP PLANS, REFTELS A & B.

2. SID'S FUNCTION WOULD BE A PANEL DISCUSSION ON /HOW DEVELOPMENT AID AFFECTS THE STATUS OF WOMEN/ WITH A PANEL OF THREE WOMEN INTRODUCED BY FAO ADG FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY, NURAL ISLAM. MEXICAN PERM REP TO FAO, AMB. GUADALUPERIVERA MARIN DE ITURBE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION IN LONDON HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BE OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF THE PANEL. SID WOULD LIKE ESTHER PETERSON, U.S. DEL AT AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND NUTRITION POLICIES (WHICH IS MEETING THAT WEEK IN ROME) TO BE THIRD PANEL MEMBER.

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3. SID MEETINGS LAST FOR AN HOUR TO AN HOUR AND HALF. FOR PANEL MEETINGS EACH MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO SPEAK TO TOPIC FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES AND THEN THERE IS A DISCUSSION. NORMAL SID MEETINGS ATTRACT ABOUT 50 PEOPLE (FAO STAFF AND DIPLOMATS), BJT THIS ONE IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR SHOULD DOUBLE THAT FIGURE AT LEAST.

4. SID APOLOGIZED TO FODAG FOR LATENESS OF INVITATION, BUT HAS ONLY JUST RECEIVED CLEARANCE FOR MEETING. EARLY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. FODAG URGES ACCEPTANCE.

5. BAKER WILL MEET ESTHER PETERSON ON MARCH 5 SUNDAY TWA FLIGHT AND DISCUSS AD HOC COMMITTEE SESSION WITH HER SUNDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING. AS HE WILL BE OUT OF ROME ON MEDICAL TRAVEL MARCH 6-10, HIGGINSON AS ACTING PERMREP AND CRUIT AS FODAG MEMBER OF DELEGATION WILL BE MAIN SOURCES OF DELEGATION SUPPORT.

6. WE ARE MAKING KNOWN CONTENTS OF USDEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO ROME PERMREPS OF ADDRESSEE CAPITALS AND WILL BE GETTING REACTIONS DURING THE WEEK.

7. WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE DELEGATION LIST AND ARRIVAL TIMES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

8. RECOMMEND DELEGATION BE BRIEFED TO MINIMIZE FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR FAO OF RECOMMENDATIONS THEY WILL BE MAKING. ONE LINE OF QUESTIONING WE MAY EXPECT WILL BE FROM THOSE WHO WILL RECALL OUR ABSTENTION ON FAO BUDET.HOLMES

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